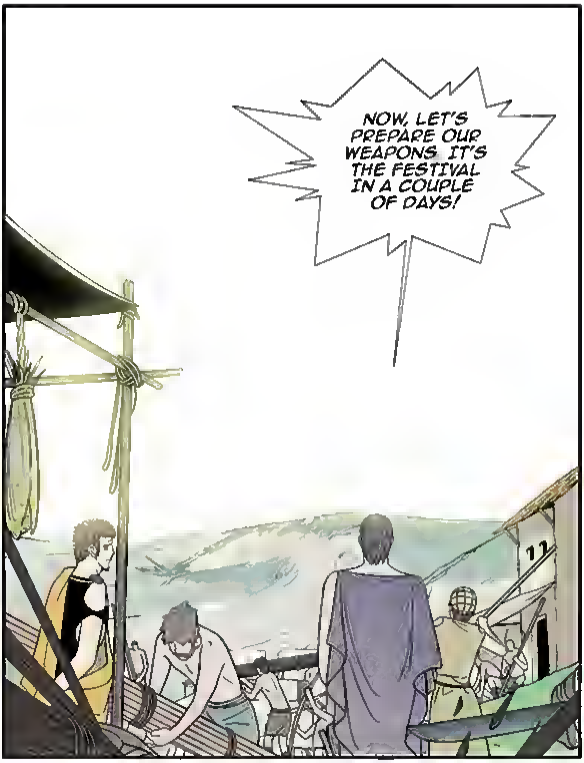
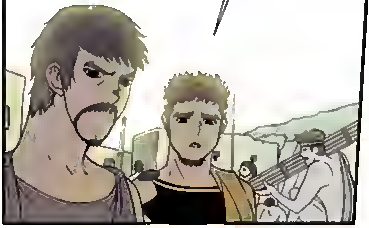
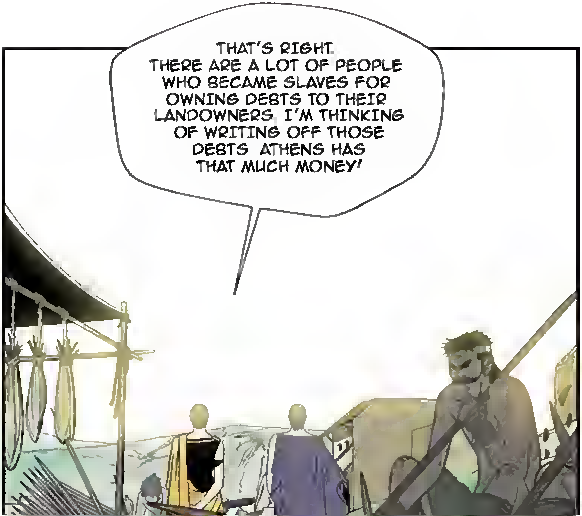
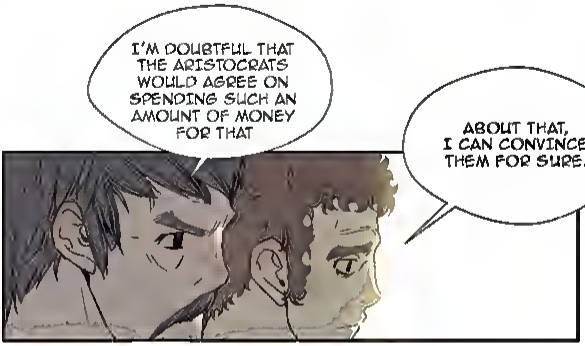

NOW, LET'S PREPARE OUR WEAPONS. IT'S THE FESTIVAL IN A COUPLE OF DAYS!

ALKANOS, PLEASE THINK THIS OVER THERE IS A WAY THAT WOULDN'T NEED ANY SACRIFICES LIKE THIS.



DO YOU MEAN THE EMANCIPATION OF SLAVES THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT?


THAT'S RIGHT. THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO BECAME SLAVES FOR OWNING DEBTS TO THEIR LANDOWNERS. I'M THINKING OF WRITING OFF THOSE DEBTS. ATHENS HAS THAT MUCH MONEY!


I'M DOUBTFUL THAT THE ARISTOCRATS WOULD AGREE ON SPENDING SUCH AN AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR THAT
ABOUT THAT, I CAN CONVINCE THEM FOR SURE.

BUT THAT'S A SHOW THAT WILL REMEDY THE GRIEVANCES OF SLAVES ONLY TEMPORARILY, ISN'T IT?
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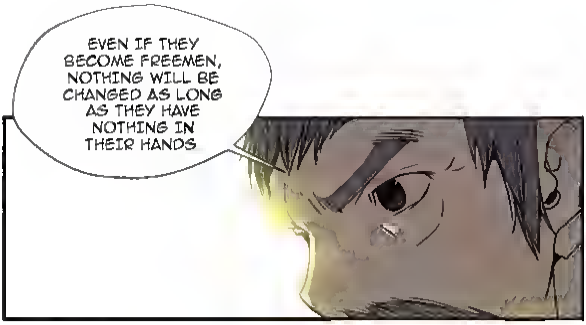
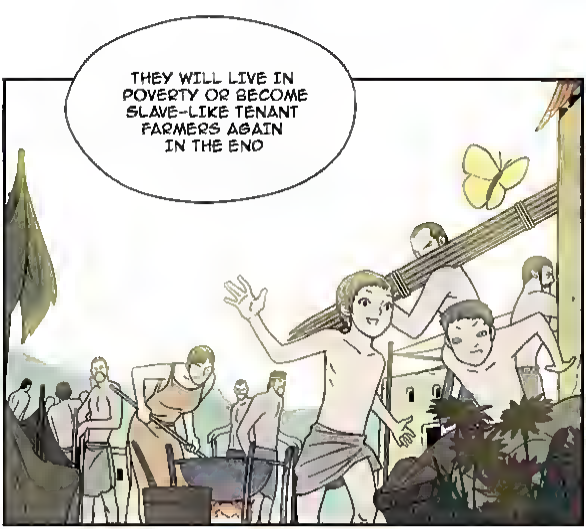
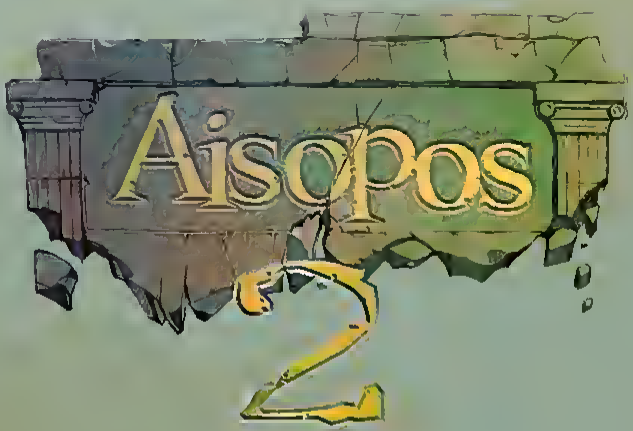

EVEN IF THEY BECOME FREEMEN, NOTHING WILL BE CHANGED AS LONG AS THEY HAVE NOTHING IN THEIR HANDS


THEY WILL LIVE IN POVERTY OR BECOME SLAVE-LIKE TENANT FARMERS AGAIN IN THE END

SO, WHAT YOU TRULY HOPE IS...

DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH. I WANT EVERYTHING TO BEGIN FROM SQUARE ONE.

IF NOT, IT WOULD BE COMPLETELY MEANINGLESS. IT'S ALL JUST PRETENCE.



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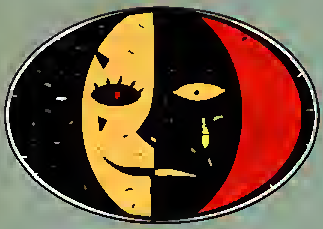

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WALKING THE TIGHTROPE OF DESIRE(7)

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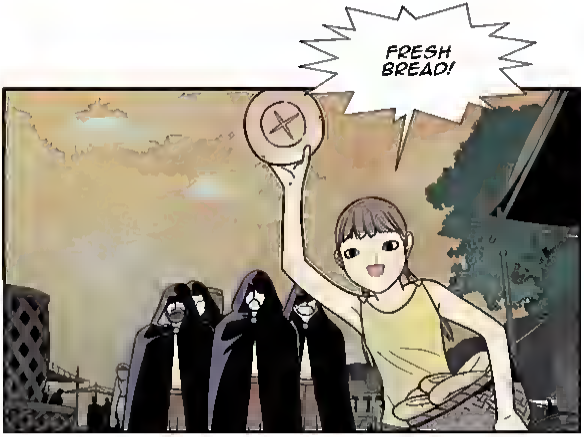

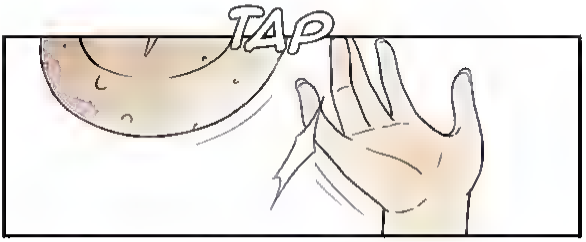
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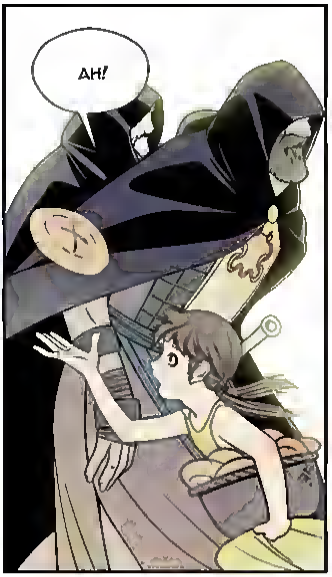
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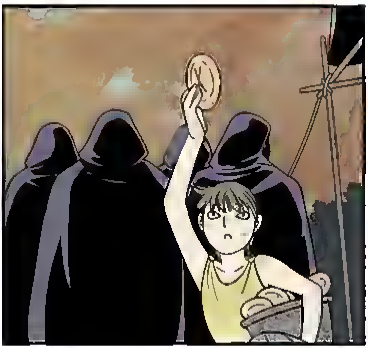
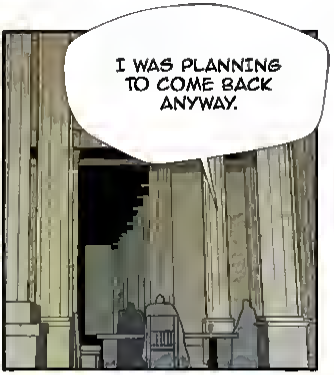


MM? THAT CREST IS...

WHAT ARE LYDIA'S WARRIORS DOING HERE...?

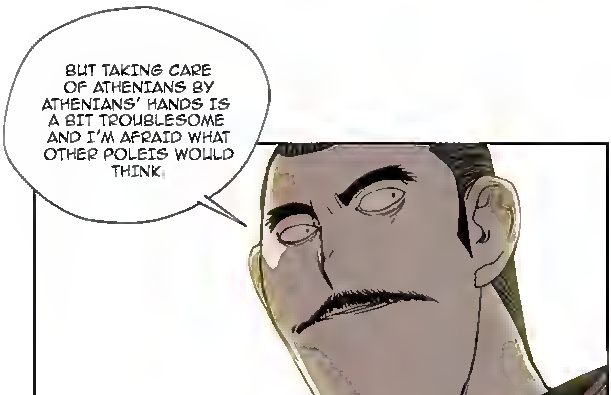
IT MUST HAVE BEEN SO ARDUOUS FOR YOU TO COME ALL THE WAY HERE.

WELL, ATHENS IS MY HOME.


I WAS PLANNING TO COME BACK ANYWAY.

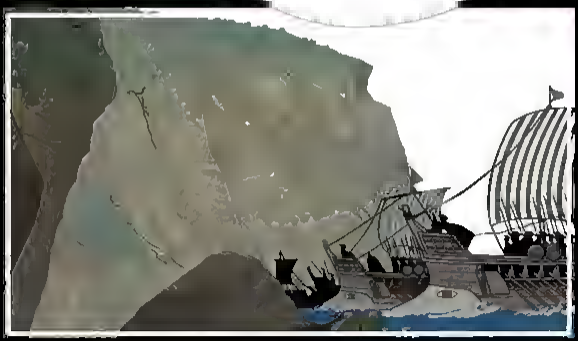
I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT THIS, BUT SOLON IS TRYING TO EMANCIPATE THE SLAVES.
OF COURSE HE HAS THE MOUNTAIN PARTY BACKING HIM UP..

YES, I'M AWARE OF THAT. THEY ARE FALSELY TRAINED DOGS. I'M THINKING OF WIPING THEM OUT


BUT TAKING CARE OF ATHENIANS BY ATHENIANS' HANDS IS A BIT TROUBLESOME AND I'M AFRAID WHAT OTHER POLEIS WOULD THINK.

I'VE TALKED WITH ALYATTES, THE KING OF LYDIA.

LYDIA'S WARRIORS ARE HIDING AROUND ATHENIAN COAST. THEY CAN LAND AT ANY TIME.



WHICH MEANS YOU'RE THINKING OF TAKING CARE OF THE MOUNTAIN PARTY WITH LYDIA'S HELP...?

AS YOU KNOW, GREECE IS BEING ATTACKED BY FOREIGN FORCES SPORADICALLY
I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF LYDIA'S ARMY ATTACKS ATHENS ON PANATHENAIA DAY.
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TH..THAT'S TRUE, BUT..!
AFTER THE MOUNTAIN PARTY IS TAKEN CARE OF, ATHENIAN ARMY WILL START THEIR ATTACK BY THEN, LYDIA WILL RETREAT TO THEIR SHIPS BECAUSE THEY WILL HAVE ACHIEVED THEIR GOAL. AFTER ALL, IT WILL LOOK LIKE ATHENIAN ARMY HAD DRIVEN THE FOREIGN FORCES OUT, AND THAT WILL BE VICTORY OF ATHENS SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

WHAT AN AMAZING SCHEME, YADMON, YOU'RE REALLY...
IF SOLON AND THE MOUNTAIN PARTY GETS IN THE WAY, WE'VE GOT TO GET RID OF THEM. FOR THE SAKE OF ATHENS' FUTURE, WE MUST PREVENT MORE CONFUSION. MOREOVER, WE SHOULD NOT SIT AND WATCH THE HIERARCHICAL SOCIETY FALL.
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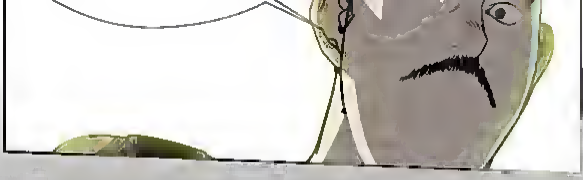
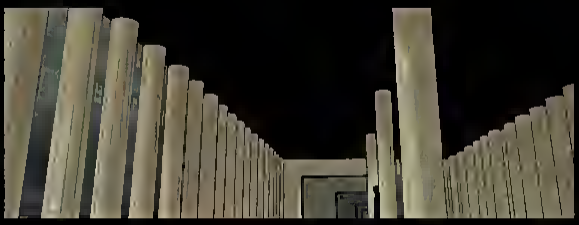
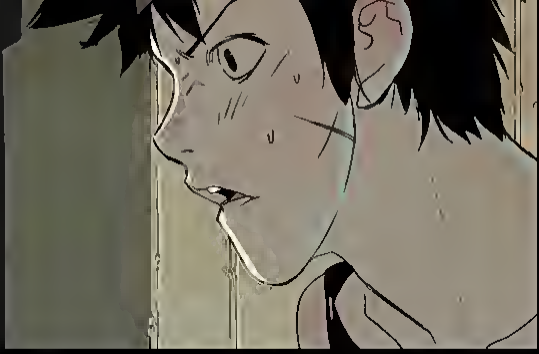
I..I OPPOSE! I'M SURE THERE IS SOME COMMON GROUND THAT WE ALL CAN AGREE ON.
IF WE GIVE ONE, THEY WILL ASK FOR ANOTHER. IF YOU DISLIKE THE IDEA, IT'S FINE WITH US IF THE COAST PARTY STEPS OUT OF THIS PLAN.
THIS FIGHT IS BETWEEN THE ARISTOCRATS AND SLAVES ANYWAY WE LANDOWNERS, WHO ARE IN BETWEEN THEM, CAN JUST WATCH WHAT HAPPENS AND ENJOY THE SHOW







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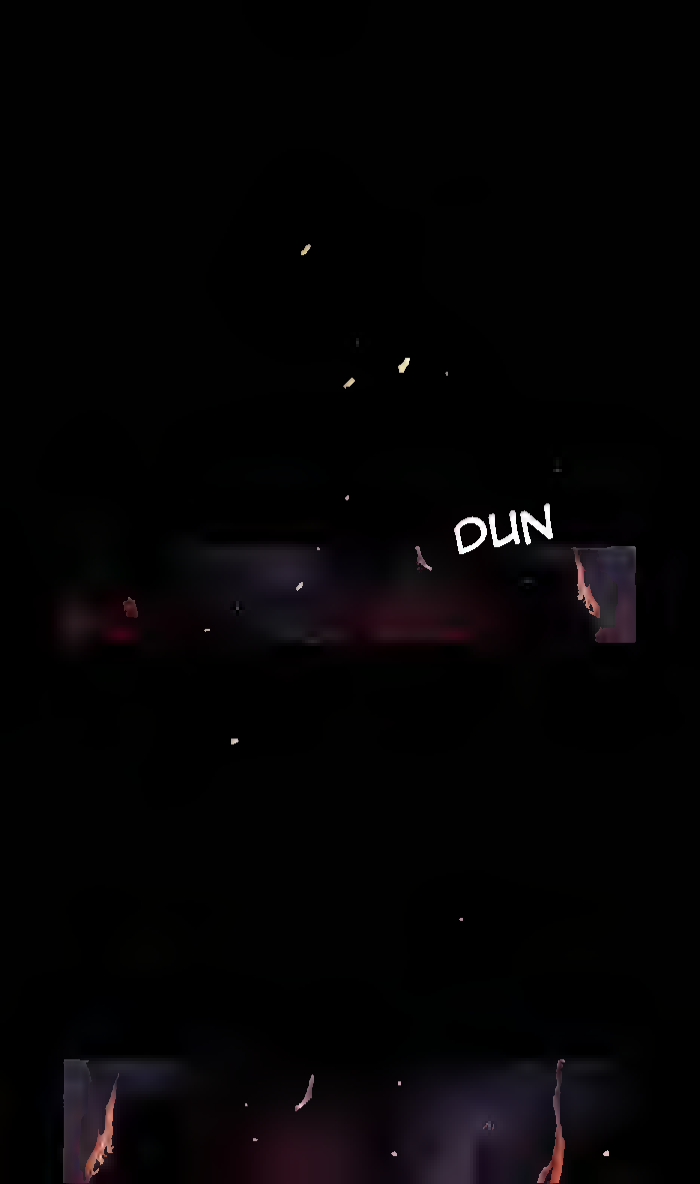
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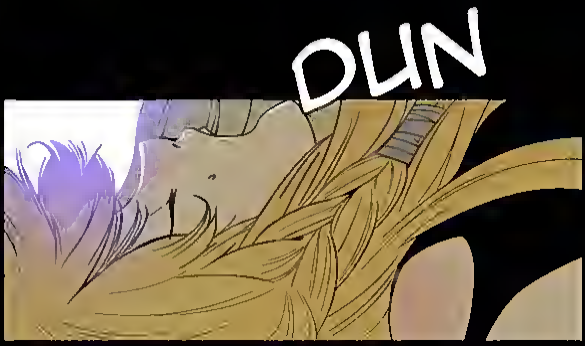
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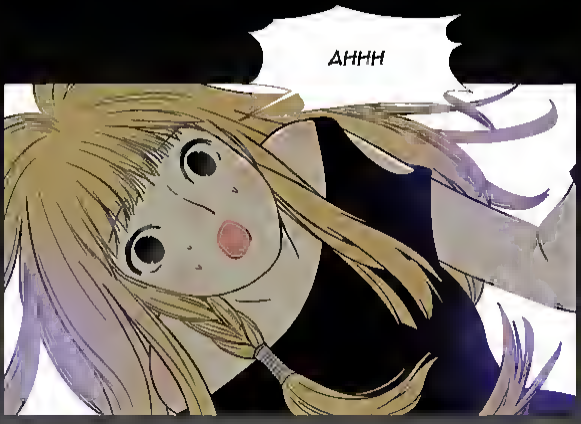
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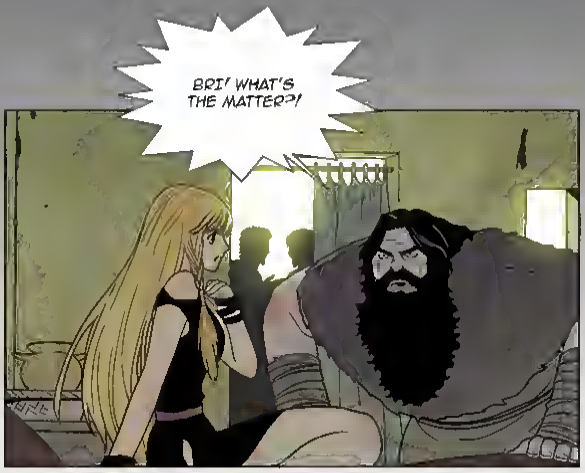
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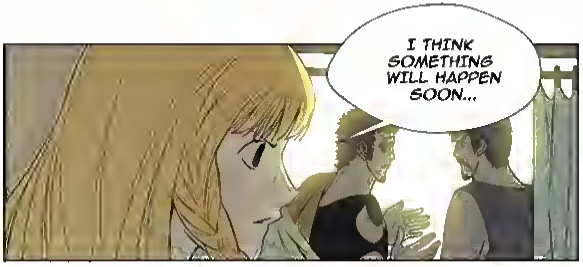
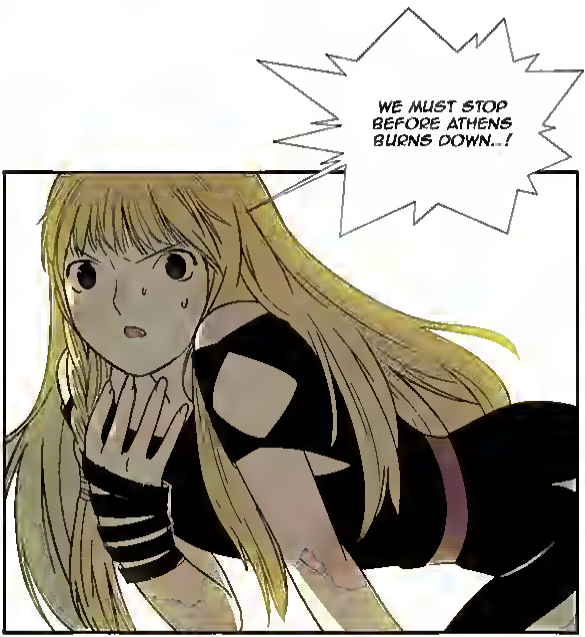
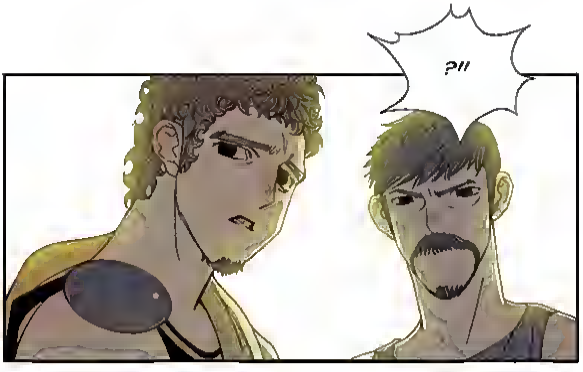

I THINK SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN SOON...

SOMETHING VERY HORRIBLE...


WE MUST STOP BEFORE ATHENS BURNS DOWN..!



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